

Seattle Parks and Recreation Non-Clinical Recreation Therapy

Internship Job Description

Seattle Parks and Recreation Specialized Programs is a city-wide unit that offers year-round activities for people with disabilities. Programs include: Special Olympics sports, weekend trips, after school programs, classes, evening socials, and an extensive camping program during the summer. Specialized Programs is designed to serve those with a range of cognitive and physical disabilities. Common diagnoses served include Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, Prader Willi Syndrome, Williams Syndrome, ADHD, Pica, Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and a variety of developmental disabilities and social/emotional delays.

Specialized Programs generally accepts senior or graduate students majoring in Therapeutic Recreation and/or community recreation-related fields. NCTRC requires a minimum commitment of a 14-week placement. To account for our unique camp schedule, this internship is a 16-week placement, from May-August, totaling a minimum of 560 hours. Shifts may include possible evening and weekend hours. Internship stipends are not guaranteed and are dependent on the unit's budget for the fiscal year. Interns are selected by Specialized Programs staff and Program Coordinator. Interns will be supervised by a Registered Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS/R).

Therapeutic Recreation interns will be involved in staff meetings, trainings, orientations, special events, weekly programming and summer camp program development. Interns will be expected to conduct participant evaluations, develop individualized care plans and document daily notes from treatment sessions. They will be responsible for documenting participant progress and applying appropriate medical terminology. In addition, interns will be required to complete a final project related to the field of Recreation Therapy. Interns will be exposed to various Recreation Therapy interventions such as: community reintegration, adaptive sports and recreation, outdoor adventure, leisure education, and more.

If you are interested in applying for an internship at Seattle Parks and Recreation Specialized Programs, please mail or email completed application, with resume, cover letter, and 3 references to:

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Please also include a copy of your University's internship requirements.